

Alternative 3



This multiple-use alternative would modify the current Management Plan direction by adopting additional special area designations, such as Research Natural Areas and Special Interest Areas, and placing added emphasis on native plants and animals and recreation opportunities.

FINAL Environmental Impact Statement

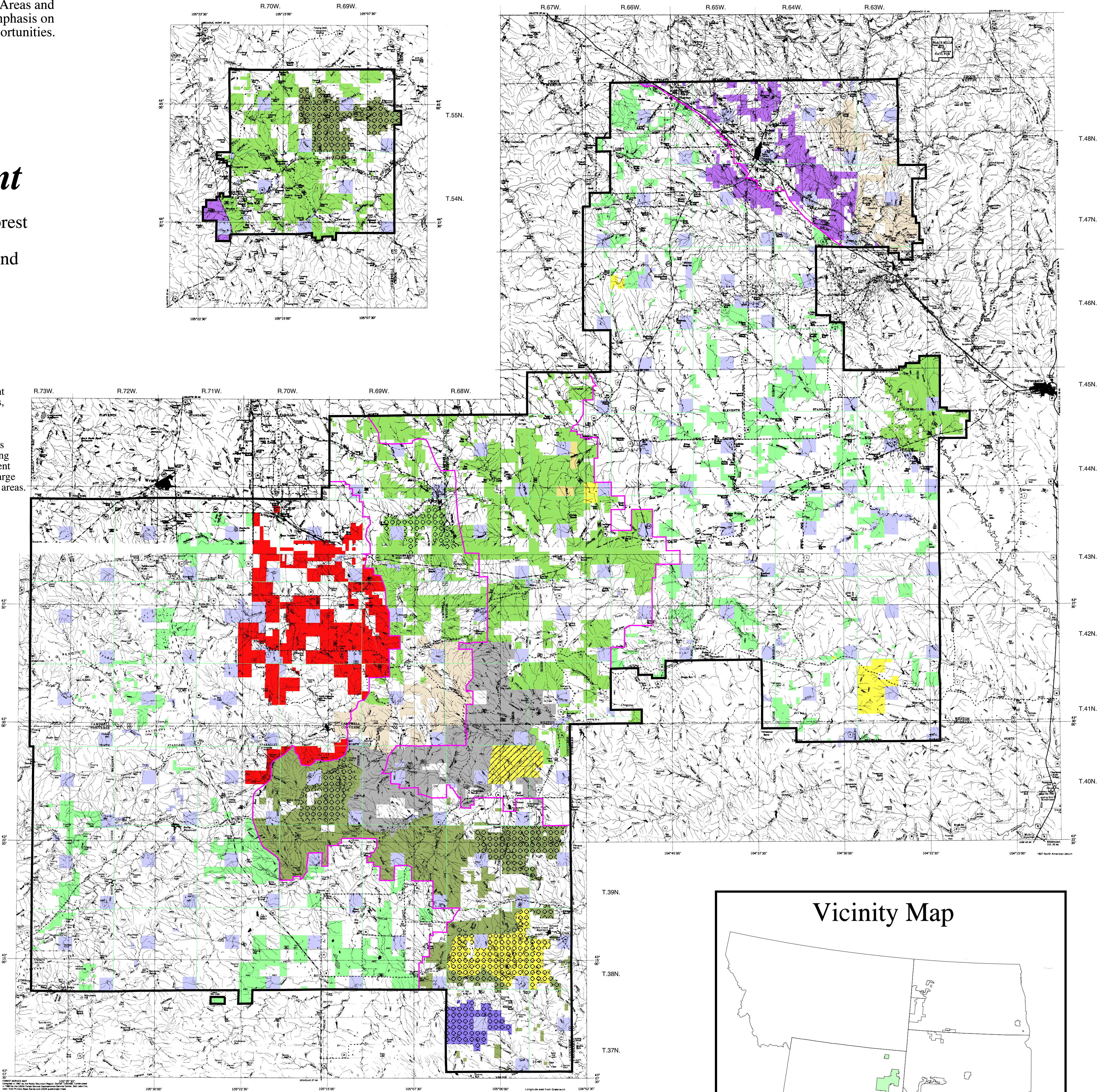
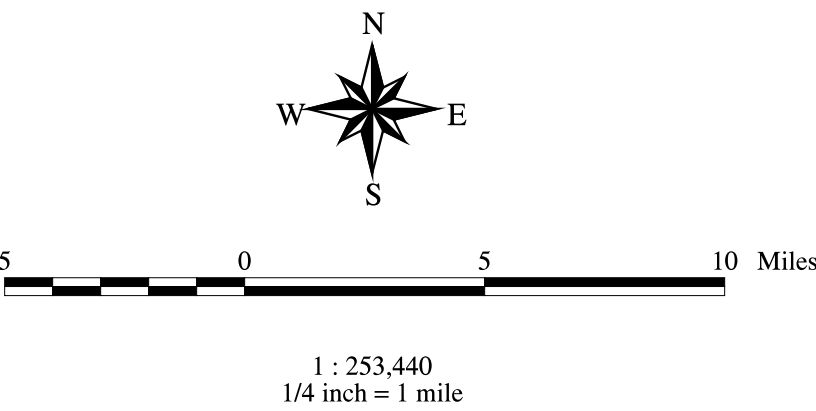
Medicine Bow/Routt National Forest
Thunder Basin National Grassland

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PLEASE NOTE: Management areas are defined as parts of the grasslands and/or forests that are managed for a particular emphasis. Each management area has a prescription that consists of a theme, desired conditions, and standards and guidelines that apply to it. The management area prescriptions are grouped into eight major categories, based on a continuum from least evidence of disturbance (Category 1) to most (Category 8).

Geographic areas are all or portions of national grasslands or forests where management is directed towards achieving specified desired conditions. Geographic area management direction is direction that is too specific to apply across large grassland units but is not limited to specific management areas.

The management and geographic area boundaries on this map were computer generated. These lines and their locations are only approximate at this scale.



Management Areas	Acres
1.31 - Backcountry Recreation Nonmotorized	6550
2.1 - Special Interest Areas	26780
2.2 - Research Natural Areas	1210
3.63 - Black-Footed Ferret Reintroduction Habitat	47890
3.65 - Rangelands with Diverse Natural-Appearing Landscapes	83430
3.68 - Big Game Range	33890
4.32 - Dispersed Recreation: High Use	25780
5.12 - General Forest and Rangelands: Range Vegetation Emphasis	160870
6.1 - Rangeland with Broad Resource Emphasis	118090
8.4 - Mineral Production and Development	47990

Legend

Management Areas

- 1.31 - Backcountry Recreation Non-motorized
- 2.1 - Special Interest Areas
- 2.2 - Research Natural Areas
- 3.63 - Black-Footed Ferret Reintroduction Habitat
- 3.65 - Rangelands with Diverse Natural-Appearing Landscapes
- 3.68 - Big Game Range
- 4.32 - Dispersed Recreation: High Use
- 4.4 - National River System: Recreation Rivers Recommended
- 5.12 - General Forest and Rangelands: Range Vegetation Emphasis
- 6.1 - Rangeland with Broad Resource Emphasis
- 8.4 - Mineral Production and Development

Concurrent Management

- 3.63 - Black-Footed Ferret Reintroduction Habitat
- No New Road Construction

Legend

Legend	Concurrent Management	Acres
3.63 - Black-Footed Ferret Reintroduction Habitat	5930	
No New Road Construction	58640	

- Administrative Boundaries
- Township & Range Lines
- Geographic Area Boundaries
- State Lands

Concurrent management areas exist when two compatible management areas exist for the same piece of ground. The dominant management area will show up in the colored legend. The other management area or areas will show up as cross-hatching over the colored legend.

